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Scott,

We are a recipient of grants under the carpet grants program. We have had several staff members through on a tour of our facility in Lincoln a few months back to show the progress and opportunity that is being made in carpet recycling. As I know you are acutely aware it has been a mixed bag in getting carpet to reasonable levels of recycling. I can assure you I share your concerns but wanted to express our overall confidence in CARE as the ongoing steward to handle the needed goals.

I truly believe that the foresight CalRecycle has had in implementing EPR is paying dividends. The incentives, grants, and help provided to recyclers is at the near tipping point of significant growth which will work to achieve a reasonable amount of the goals you have set for California. Our plant alone has taken a year to get to our current status; it is not only the initial startup but then product testing, implementing quality controls and attaining long term contracts to get to a point of stable long term success. We are at the point of adding additional shifts and are working with CalRecycle on loans for significant expansion in 2017. As I talk with the other processors I feel this same sense of being close to much of this growth being realized quickly.

I think CARE overall has shown as good of leadership as could be expected in getting AB2398 implemented, and I fear the reaction of "throwing out the baby with the bathwater". Although there certainly is room for concerns with CARE's industry roots and ties, I can honestly say in my opinion Bob Peoples and his group have shown themselves to be as much of an honest broker and champion of the processors as there could be.

There is much still to be done, but I do think the foundation has been laid, with much effort by your group and CARE's help to achieve the goals that are desired. I have to add that the breakthroughs that are being pioneered in California will likely be implemented elsewhere in order to get carpet recycling to a point where it is a national endeavor. The hard fought wins here will pay dividends beyond the borders due to CalRecycle's vision.

Sincerely,

Nick Fiore / CLEAR

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